



Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program in South Carolina

Background

The partners for Fish and Wildlife Program is the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's primary mechanism for delivering voluntary on-the-ground habitat improvement projects on private lands for the benefit of Federal trust species. Biologists provide technical and financial assistance to landowners who want to restore and enhance fish and wildlife habitats on their property. Partners for Fish and Wildlife projects may include improving habitat for species such as migratory birds, anadromous or migratory fish, endangered or threatened species, or any other declining or imperiled species.

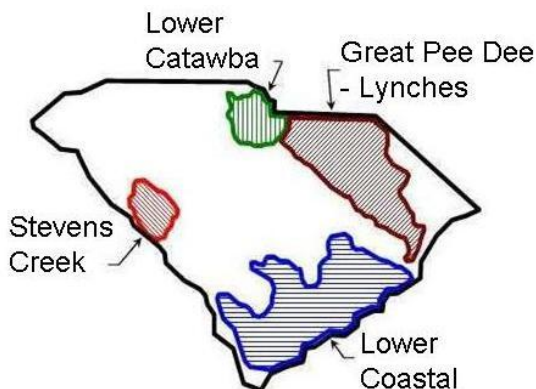
Accomplishments

- ❖ The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program assists landowners that may lack the

technical and financial support necessary to manage their land for wildlife.

- ❖ Since its beginning in 1993, Partners for Fish and Wildlife in South Carolina has worked on over 100 habitat restoration projects.
- ❖ Partners for Fish and Wildlife provides conservation leadership and promotes partnerships with various agencies, organization, and landowners.
- ❖ Four geographic focus areas, spanning various regions of the state, have been established for South Carolina. While some areas focus strictly on one priority habitat, others encompass several priority habitats.

Priorities



Partners for Fish and Wildlife Focus Areas in South Carolina

Partners Program Accomplishments 1994-2006

- 2,500 acres of wetland
- 3,900 acres of upland (53,000 acres of upland in Private Stewardship Grants Program)
- Over 100 projects

It is the plan of the Partners for Fish and Wildlife staff to restore quality habitat in several priority habitat types by working in partnership with landowners, conservation organization, and other interested groups, raising awareness of the threats and challenges to each of these habitat types, and staying open to new techniques to fine tune our restoration efficiency. Priority habitats include:

- Forested wetlands
- Longleaf pine forest
- Streams and riparian areas
- Carolina bays

For More Information

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